



St. Pancratius

CHURCH

DECEMBER 21, 2025 | FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Pastor: Fr. Andrew Chung

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Rectory

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Office Hours

Monday 12:00pm - 4:00pm

Tuesday-Friday 9:00am - 4:00pm

Saturday Closed

Sunday 8:00am - 1:30pm

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Phone (562) 634 - 6111 ext. 302

St. Pancratius Elementary School

Phone (562) 634 - 6310

Principal Ms. Melina Ramirez

Website: www.stpanschool.org

Mass Schedule

Weekdays: 6:30am

Saturday: 8am, 4:30pm (Vigil)

Sunday: 6:30am, 8am, 9:30am (*Español*) & 11am

Confessions

Saturday: 3:30-4:30pm

First Friday: 6:00pm - 7:00pm

Adoration

Monday-Friday 5:00pm-7:00pm

Rosary

Monday-Friday 6:15pm

"Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son,
and they shall name him Emmanuel,
which means "God is with us." - Matthew 1:23

*"He aquí que la virgen concebirá y dará a luz un hijo,
a quien pondrán el nombre de Emmanuel,
que quiere decir Dios-con-nosotros." - Mateo 1:23*





Stewardship of Treasure

WEEKLY OFFERING

Sunday Collection	Church	School	Family Ministries
Dec. 7	\$9,053.15	\$274.00	\$735.00
Dec. 14			
Dec. 21			
Dec. 28			
Nov. 30			
Faith Direct Dec. 5	\$792.00		
Faith Direct Dec. 15			
Total Offertory	\$9,845.15	\$274.00	\$735.00
Goals for December	\$52,191.00	\$1,620.00	\$1,005.00

Thank you for your generosity

We also thank all those who contributed to this week's flower fund! Donations can be made directly to the parish. Please make sure to indicate it's for the flower fund.

Called to Renew Campaign Update

(as of 10/31/25):



Parish Goal: \$670,000.00
Total Pledged: \$1,774,643.96
Total Paid: \$1,003,426.04

***Per campaign policy:** Fifty percent of every dollar collected will be returned to the parish to be used for projects mentioned on their respective case statements. Once the goal is reached, the parish will receive 100% of each dollar collected above goal.

DID YOU KNOW?

Check Christmas presents for button batteries and other hazards

Many parents will be spending the next few days assembling (and reassembling) their children's gifts, and it's important to be on the lookout for potential hazards, including button batteries and small parts. A couple of safety tips include following age guidance and other safety information on toy packaging; getting safety gear, including helmets, for scooters and other riding toys; and keeping small balls and toys with small parts away from children younger than age 3. For more information, visit <https://www.cpsc.gov/Safety-Education/Safety-Education-Centers/Holiday-Safety>

¿SABÍA USTED?

Revise los regalos de Navidad para ver si hay baterías de botón y otros peligros

Muchos padres de familia pasarán los próximos días y semanas ensamblando (y reensamblando) los obsequios de sus hijos, y es importante estar atentos a los peligros potenciales, incluidas las baterías de botón. Algunos consejos de seguridad incluyen seguir las recomendaciones de edad y otra información de seguridad que figura en el embalaje de los juguetes; adquirir equipo de seguridad, como cascos, para patinetes y otros juguetes con ruedas; y mantener las pelotas pequeñas y los juguetes con piezas pequeñas fuera del alcance de los niños menores de 3 años. Para obtener más información en inglés, visite <https://www.cpsc.gov/Safety-Education/Safety-Education-Centers/Holiday-Safety>.

In today's Gospel, we hear that Jesus will be named Emmanuel, which means "God is with us." The mystery of the birth of Jesus is supremely a mystery of love. May each Christmas find us more and more like him: more humble, more holy, more happy and more full of God.

Your gifts to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul helped those who are poor and suffering to find Emmanuel and they also came to know that "God is with us."



Dear St. Pancratius Family,

On this Fourth Sunday of Advent, just days from the manger, the Church unveils Emmanuel—"God with us"—amid a world chasing lights and gifts. Remember A Charlie Brown Christmas? Charlie Brown laments the commercial frenzy: "Isn't there anyone who knows what Christmas is all about?" Linus steps up, blanket down, reciting the angels' message to shepherds: "For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord" (Lk 2:11). In that spotlight, true joy dawns—not in tinsel, but in the Incarnate Word.

Our readings echo this quest. God promises King Ahaz a sign he won't request: "Look, the young woman is with child and shall bear a son and, shall name him Emmanuel" (Is 7:14). Paul proclaims the gospel of God's Son, "descended from David according to the flesh" and "declared to be Son of God... by resurrection" (Rom 1:3-4), calling us to "obedience of faith" (Rom 1:5). Joseph, facing scandal, hears the angel: "Do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife... She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins" (Mt 1:20-21). Fulfilling Isaiah, Joseph obeys: "Emmanuel... 'God is with us'" (Mt 1:23).

Like Charlie Brown's bleak tree transformed by love, our barren hearts bloom when we welcome Christ. The Psalm cries: "Who shall ascend the hill of the Lord?... Those who have clean hands and pure hearts" (Ps 24:3-4).

This final weekend:

- Pray the O Antiphons at Vespers or home—"O Emmanuel, come and save us!"
- Confess: Clear space for the Savior.
- Serve: Be angels of peace to the lonely, poor, or weary.
- Attend Christmas Masses: Vigil, Midnight (like Linus' revelation!), Dawn, or Day.
- Don't let consumerism steal your joy. As Linus reminds us, Christmas is Christ—Emmanuel among us!

In Christ's peace,

Father Miguel

Querida familia de San Pancracio,

En este Cuarto Domingo de Adviento, a pocos días del nacimiento de Jesús, la Iglesia nos presenta a Emmanuel —«Dios con nosotros»— en medio de un mundo que persigue luces y regalos. ¿Recuerdan la película de Charlie Brown sobre la Navidad? Charlie Brown lamenta el frenesí comercial: «¿Acaso no hay nadie que sepa de qué se trata la Navidad?». Linus se acerca, deja su cobija a un lado y recita el mensaje de los ángeles a los pastores: «Hoy les ha nacido en la ciudad de David un Salvador, que es Cristo el Señor» (Lucas 2:11). En ese momento, surge la verdadera alegría, no en los adornos, sino en el Verbo Encarnado.

Nuestras lecturas hacen eco de esta búsqueda. Dios le promete al rey Ajaz una señal que él no pedirá: «He aquí que la virgen concebirá y dará a luz un hijo y le pondrán el nombre de Emmanuel» (Isaías 7:14). Pablo proclama el evangelio del Hijo de Dios, «en cuanto a su condición de hombre, del linaje de David» y «como Hijo de Dios, a partir de su resurrección» (Romanos 1:3-4), llamándonos a la «obediencia de la fe» (Romanos 1:5). José, ante el escándalo, escucha al ángel: «no dudes en recibir en tu casa a María, tu esposa, porque ella... dará a luz un hijo y tú le pondrás el nombre de Jesús, porque él salvará a su pueblo de sus pecados.» (Mateo 1:20-21). Cumpliendo la profecía de Isaías, José obedece: «Emmanuel... "Dios está con nosotros"» (Mateo 1:23).

Nuestros corazones áridos florecen cuando acogemos a Cristo. El Salmo clama: «¿Quién subirá al monte del Señor?... Los que tienen manos limpias y corazón puro» (Salmo 24:3-4).

Este último fin de semana:

- *Recen las Antífonas de Adviento: «¡Oh Emmanuel, ven y sálvanos!».*
- *Confesión: Preparen el camino para el Salvador.*
- *Servicio: Sean ángeles de paz para los solitarios, los pobres o los afligidos.*
- *Asistan a las Misas de Navidad: Vigilia, Medianoche, Aurora o Día.*
- *No permitan que el consumismo les robe la alegría. Como nos recuerda Linus, la Navidad es Cristo: ¡Emmanuel entre nosotros!*

En la paz de Cristo,

Padre Miguel



ST. PANCRATIUS CHURCH CHRISTMAS

SCHEDULE / HORARIO

DEC 24 **CHRISTMAS EVE / NOCHEBUENA**

4:30pm Mass (English)

**Livestreamed*

11:30pm Christmas Carols

DEC 25 **CHRISTMAS DAY / NAVIDAD**

12:00am Midnight Mass (Bilingual)

8:00am Mass (English)

10:00am Mass (Bilingual)





May the peace and joy of Christ's birth fill your hearts this Christmas!

With love & prayers from Fr. Andrew,
Fr. Miguel and the Parish Staff

Office Hours HORARIO DE OFICINA

Dec. 22	Open / Abierto
Dec. 23	Open / Abierto
Dec. 24 - 27	Closed / Cerrado
Dec. 28	Open / Abierto

ST. PANCRATIUS PRESENTS
MIDDLE SCHOOL MINISTRY
BIBLE STUDY & FELLOWSHIP

SCAN QR CODE
FOR CALENDAR




Calendar Dates

Sunday, Jan. 11th from 1pm to 2pm
Monday, Jan. 12th from 4pm to 5pm
Sunday, Jan. 18th from 1pm to 2pm

Pilgrim Image of Guadalupe

The Pilgrim Image of Our Lady of Guadalupe is available to visit the homes of our parishioners throughout the year. This is a beautiful opportunity to welcome Our Lady into your home and dedicate some time to prayer and reflection. To sign up, please contact Marlene De Vera (562-541-4796). Let us open our hearts and homes to Our Lady's message of compassion and hope.

Virgen Peregrina de Guadalupe

La Imagen Peregrina de Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe está disponible para visitar los hogares de nuestros feligreses durante todo el año. Esta es una hermosa oportunidad para recibir a la Virgen en su hogar y dedicar un tiempo a la oración y reflexión. Para inscribirse, simplemente anote su nombre en la lista ubicada en la entrada principal de la iglesia o comuníquese con Verónica Avalos. Abramos nuestro corazón y hogar al mensaje de esperanza y compasión de Nuestra Señora.

IT'S TIME FOR



PANTHER BASEBALL

OFFERED THROUGH THE CATHOLIC BASEBALL LEAGUE



Open to boys and girls Ages 4 to 14

Season will be played February - May 2026
(Practices begin in late January)

Children will learn the fundamentals of baseball,
good sportsmanship, comradery and more importantly,
the teachings of the Catholic Church

REGISTER ONLINE BY JANUARY 24

CLICK HERE TO REGISTER ONLINE

LEVEL	AGES	KEEP SCORE	RECORD KEPT	OTHER RULES
T - Ball	6 under	No	No	- Typically EK & Kindergarten - Each player bats every inning - Each player plays every inning - Players experience every position
D	8 under	No	No	- Instructional league - Flexiball baseballs are used - Players hit off pitching machine - Inning run limits
C	10 under	Yes	Yes	- Pony Baseball league rules - Hardball baseballs are used - May not lead off bases - Pitching from a stretch - Pitching limits
B	12 under	Yes	Yes	- Pony Baseball league rules - Hardball baseballs are used - Lead off bases and may steal any bases except home plate - Pitching from a stretch - Pitching limits - Balk rules apply
A	14 under	Yes	Yes	- Pony Baseball league rules - Hardball baseballs are used - Lead off bases and may steal base - Dropped third strike is in effect - Pitching from a stretch - Pitching limits - Balk rules apply

Players can move up in divisions but typically not able to move down

FEES

Baseball Divisions A - D \$160 per child

T-Ball \$125 per child

(\$10 Discount per Additional Sibling Registered)

Checks payable to St. Pancratius

PLEASE NOTE: Once uniforms have been ordered or rosters have been submitted (whichever comes first), registration fees are no longer refundable.



Registration fee includes

- Jersey
- Hat
- Pictures
- Umpire Fees
- End of Season

Awards/Ceremony



If you are interested in coaching or being a team parent, please fill out a volunteer application. All coaches, assistant coaches, team parents and other volunteers must be VIRTUS certified and fingerprinted under the Archdiocese of Los Angeles before the beginning of the season.

For more information, text or call:

Rafael Zuniga (562) 307 - 3722

Email: stpanbaseball@gmail.com

You are cordially invited to visit our Open House!

Where: St Pancratius School

3601 St. Pancratius Place Lakewood, CA 90712

When: Sunday, January 25, 2026

Time: 9:00am - 12:00pm

**Visit our STEM Lab, Science Fair, Book Fair,
Library and Amazing Classrooms!**

**Pick up applications for the 2026-2027 school year, and
flyers for our TK/Kinder Information Night and Summer Programs.**

Visit our website: stpanschool.org



**Voted Lakewood's
Best Elementary
School!**

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**Your student could be eligible
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**A TK-8th Grade School. Ask us about the
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